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Mr. Herbert Pearce
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Dear Mr. Pearce:

I am writing to express my concern about the article published in The Washington Post on 15 March by Arthur Kranish who attended the AIAA session with the Agency on 11 March. This article has already provoked serious criticism of the Agency and could have international repercussions.

I recognize that the Agency for its part was in error in responding to certain questions at the AIAA session, and I have publicly accepted responsibility for that mistake. The failure of a member of your organization, Mr. Kranish, to live by the ground rules established for the session compounded the situation by making this error a matter of public record.

The Congress and the Executive are now trying to establish laws and procedures for operating an effective intelligence organization in this open society. As part of this effort, we are trying to inform those outside Government about the Agency and its mission through sessions such as the one we had with the AIAA. Mr. Kranish's action has set this process back. Although I believe it necessary to record my deep concern by this letter, I ask that it not be published without discussing such a possibility personally with me.

Sincerely,


George Bush
Director

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Fred:

Would you take appropriate action to have the attached letter from the Director to Mr. Herbert Pearce, American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, placed on the "Bulletin Board".

John F. Blake
Deputy Director for Administration 3/17/76

Att: DD/A 76-1321 DCI Ltr to Herbert Pearce, American Institute of Aero/Astronautics, dtd 16 March 1976

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